

Heritage Horizons



Creative Heritage in Hermitage Park



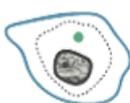
What will the placement involve?

Although small, Hermitage Park contains a range of areas of different character and noteworthy heritage features. It is a place of great significance in the history of Helensburgh both from its time as a private pleasure garden and as a public park for over 100 years, with features of importance from both periods of its development. But aspects of the site go back much further, particularly the history of Milligs Mill and the Milligs Burn, the main topographic feature of the site. The Park has recently been comprehensively upgraded with funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF), Argyll and Bute Council and other funders, with an investment totalling £3.6M. A major outcome necessary to the NLHF support is that people become more aware of, and more engaged in, the heritage and history of the Park and an agreed Activity Plan is in place to support this outcome.

We are offering a work experience placement to gain experience in creative interpretation of Hermitage Park, which contributes to the current interpretive provision within Hermitage Park. The placement will involve research, interpretation, and presentation the heritage of the park to the public in a manner which harnesses creativity and skills-development. There is substantial research and information available but requires honing to be more targeted, more specific, and presented in a manner which is suitable both for digital and print media. As examples only, outcomes of your placement may be: comic book art; storytelling classes; colouring books; vlogs; or digital trails, but we welcome your ideas! Live interpretation, via guided walks or performances, would also be considered.

Participants are required to document their work and experiences digitally (via vlogs, social media, blogs, or videos). Digital documentation training and support will be provided. Support and funding are available to cover all project expenses (e.g. travel costs) and the required materials and resources.

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Where and for how long?

The placement will involve both remote working with some site visits to the park for research, discussion, and if necessary, delivery of interpretation. Hermitage Park, Helensburgh is a short walk from the town centre which has good public transport links via train and bus. We envisage a 10-week placement, starting in early May but are prepared to be flexible around number of days per week.



What's in it for you?

Your work will contribute to the public perception of a Green Flag Award winning park, and to raise awareness to both residents and visitors to Helensburgh of the heritage associated with the only urban park in Argyll and Bute. Your placement outcomes will be made available to the public to enjoy either as printed media or digital media, and we would encourage novel and innovative creative and interpretive approaches.

Mentoring and support will be offered by the Hermitage Park Manager (content) and supporting staff from Heritage Horizons (admin and creative mentoring). The budget covers full expenses (e.g. travel, accommodation) as well as for the production of interpretive materials. We will also happily consider any training needs that may be identified. Alongside tailored mentoring, training, and support, you will be supported to achieve an Archaeology Scotland Heritage Hero Award and a Trinity College Arts Award.

Please note, all material produced over the course of the placement is property of Argyll and Bute Council, as the client, however full acknowledgement will be given.

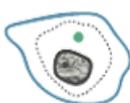


About you

You should be self-motivated with an interest in the heritage sector. You should have experience, or be willing to gain experience, in the following skills:

- Research and writing skills - The interpretation should be provocative but relatable. The qualities we are looking for would include creative flair, determination, but also flexibility and advocacy skills. The project requires taking a large amount of information and distilling it down, where it is interpretive and accurate, so writing and editing skills are desirable.

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- Creativity: We welcome all artistic approaches, so please bring along your skills and ideas.
- Digital skills: Familiarity with MS Office (including Teams, Word etc), drawing/illustrating packages, and social media skills would be advantageous.

All applicants will be invited for an informal interview.

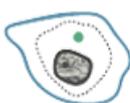


How to apply

Complete the Heritage Horizons Application Form and send it to pamela@chartsargyllandisles.org

If you'd like any further information about Heritage Horizons, or have any questions about this placement, please get in touch with Pamela Campbell, Heritage Manager for Argyll North: pamela@chartsargyllandisles.org

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